

# COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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The Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program in the Office of the Great Lakes offers grant funds annually for creative projects that further the following objectives:

- Protect and restore healthy coastal ecosystems, including fish and wildlife habitat
- Create and enhance public access to the Great Lakes and coastal resources
- Preserve historic maritime structures
- Revitalize urban waterfronts
- Minimize loss of life and property in areas vulnerable to coastal hazards including erosion, floods, and dangerous currents
- Promote stewardship of coastal resources
- Protect coastal water quality

Grant amounts must be no less than \$10,000 and no greater than \$100,000 and require a 1:1 match. Local match can be in the form of cash, in-kind services, and other grant funds from non-federal sources.

## Grant availability

Requests for Proposals are issued each year in October with a December due date.

## Technical assistance

The CZM Program provides technical assistance for each focus area to coastal communities upon request. Please contact us for further information.

## Who is eligible to apply?

- Coastal government including cities, counties, villages and townships
- Area-wide agencies including conservation districts, county and regional planning agencies
- Universities and school districts
- Tribal governments
- Nonprofit organizations (non-construction projects only)



## Focus areas:

### Public Access:

- Site planning, design, and engineering for low-cost construction projects
- Low-cost construction projects such as non-motorized coastal trails, boardwalks, barrier-free canoe/kayak launches and fishing piers, pervious parking lots and walkways, viewing decks, interpretive signage, and other amenities to improve public access

### Coastal Habitat:

- On-the-ground protection and restoration projects for Great Lakes beaches, dunes, wetlands, streams and nearshore habitat
- Feasibility studies and planning for habitat protection, restoration and resource management
- Inventories of natural features that are incorporated into a local or statewide plan

### Coastal Hazards:

- Development of regional coastal hazard atlases
- Development and implementation of local shoreline management plans or coastal zoning ordinances providing construction setbacks or buffers that complement those of the state's high risk erosion area program
- Site-level shoreline erosion assessments on public lands for implementation of soft-shore approaches to shoreline stabilization

### Coastal Water Quality:

- Development of ordinances, policies and/or plans addressing management of coastal nonpoint source pollution
- On-the-ground implementation activities to protect and improve beach health at publicly-owned Great Lakes beaches

### Coastal Community Development:

- Development of ordinances, policies and plans focused on management of coastal resources based on an ecosystem approach
- Planning & feasibility studies for waterfront redevelopment and ports management
- Development and promotion of regional coastal tourism and recreation opportunities
- Collaborative regional or multi-jurisdictional planning or policy development